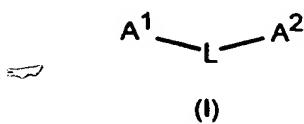


Claims

5 1. The use of a compound of general formula I or salts thereof as phytopathogenic fungicides



where

10  $A^1$  is 3-Cl-5-CF<sub>3</sub>-2-pyridyl;

$A^2$  is optionally substituted heterocyclyl or optionally substituted carbocyclyl; excepted when L is  $-N(R_3)N(R_4)C(=O)-$  or  $-CH_2OCH_2-$ , then  $A_2$  can not contain any heterocyclyl containing N or O;

L is a 3-atom linker selected from the list:  $-CH(R^1)N(R^3)CH(R^2)-$ ,

15  $-N(R^3)N(R^4)C(=X)-$ ,  $-C(=X)N(R^3)CH(R^1)-$ ,  $-CH(R^1)OC(=X)-$ ,  
 $-CH(R^1)OCH(R^2)-$ ,  $-N(R^3)C(=X)N(R^4)-$ ,  $-C(R^1)=C(R^2)C(=X)-$ ,  
 $-CH(R^1)N=C(R^2)-$ ,  $-O-N=C(R^1)-$ ,  $-O-N(R^3)C(=X)-$ ,  $-N(R^3)N(R^4)CH(R^1)$ ,  
 $-N(R^3)C(Y)=N-$ ,  $-N=C(Y)-N(R^3)-$ ,  $-C(=X)-N(R^3)N(R^4)-$ ,  $-C(Y)=N-N(R^4)-$  and  $-N(R^3)CH(R^1)C(=X)-$ ; wherein  $A^1$  is attached to the left hand side of linker L;

20 where  $R^1$  and  $R^2$ , which may be the same or different, are  $R^b$ , cyano, nitro, halogen,  $-OR^b$ ,  $-SR^b$  or optionally substituted amino;

$R^3$  and  $R^4$ , which may be the same or different, are  $R^b$ , cyano or nitro; or any  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  or  $R^4$  group, together with the interconnecting atoms, can form a 5- or 6-membered ring with any other  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  or  $R^4$ , or any  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  or  $R^4$  group, together with the interconnecting atoms can form a 5- or 6-membered ring with  $A^2$ ;

25  $X$  is oxygen, sulfur,  $N-OR^b$ ,  $N-R^b$  or  $N-N(R^b)_2$ ; and

$Y$  is halogen,  $-OR^b$ ,  $-SR^b$ ,  $-N(R^b)_2$ ,  $-NR^b(OR^b)$  or  $-NR^bN(R^b)_2$ ;

wherein R<sup>b</sup> is alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl, each of which may be substituted; or hydrogen or acyl, or two adjacent R<sup>b</sup> groups together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached may form a 5- or 6-membered ring.

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2. A pesticidal composition comprising at least one compound as claimed in claim 1 in admixture with an agriculturally acceptable diluent or carrier.
3. A method of combating plant pests at a locus infested or liable to be infested therewith, which comprises applying to the locus a compound as claimed in claim 1.

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